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### BANDED FARMERS.

*Something About the Grangers.*

The following is an extract from a speech of T. J. Key, the head of the Patrons of Husbandry in Kentucky made at Frankfort when the State Grange was organized:

Many are ready to ask what is the necessity of the farmers organizing as Patrons of Husbandry? We answer this objection by asking why do other professions unite under the names of boards of trade, mechanical associations, chambers of commerce, freight combinations, pork packers' conventions? If these various interests have found it to their advantage to thus co-operate, why not the farmers?

It has become a matter of necessity to them in self-defense to organize, as other professions have set them the example, and forced them under the laws of self-preservation to unite; and no sooner do the farmers begin to unite on the co-operation plan, than do those living in glass houses cry out, stop that, you have no right to combine against my business! It is now too late for the old co-operatives to protest against the farmers proceeding with their organization, as they are now in earnest, and the Grange will continue to grow until it numbers 5,000,000 producers in its ranks and will stand as one man, determined no longer to submit to wrong, nor to ask nothing but what is just among men.

### MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT.

The farmers have not the facilities to educate themselves that others enjoy who live in villages or cities, therefore, the Grange will be of great usefulness, "as steel is said to sharpen itself." One intelligent, reading farmer will give his practical experience in some fully tested mode of cultivation in a regular meeting, and perhaps fifty men will return to their homes and put in execution his advice. The Grange resembles a legislative body, as it has its business transactions and all agricultural questions are fully discussed, and committees appointed to investigate prices of transportation, which is the best market to sell their produce in, and the cheapest to procure their supplies.

### IS IT POLITICAL.

This movement has nothing to do with politics, it does not seek to pull down nor build up either Republican or Democratic parties, but it is for the "right man in the right place" entirely ignoring party lines. In fact the discussion of political issues is forbidden by the constitution, but if any party or politician like a huge rock on a railroad track, lays in the road of this reformation, it or he will be removed, and the Grange will roll on like the mighty engine in its grand and noble destiny of lightening the burdens of humanity.

All Patrons want to know of the candidate is, is he qualified—is he opposed to monopolies—is he honest—is he for equal taxation. We have abandoned party, to inaugurate a thorough reformation and alleviate the distresses of our race. We are for healing the sectional wounds that party has so long maddened for designing men and propose to bring together the people of the North and South as one family in the Grange.

### ADVANTAGES OF CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

The farmers' movement has had the desirable result of bringing the producer and the manufacturer nearer together than heretofore, increasing the sales of and reducing the cost of the other. It is estimated that the farmers of Iowa will save this year \$2,000,000 by purchasing direct from the manufacturers all their agricultural implements. The State Grange of Mississippi have called a gentleman from his country home and sent him to New Orleans to bundle their cotton, through whom their planters in drayage and storage will save over \$200,000. It will devolve upon you Masters to select a suitable and honest man to receive the hemp, corn wheat, hay, tobacco and stock in Kentucky at Louisville, the commercial headquarters of our State, and to purchase from the manufacturers all kinds of implements for the Grangers. Should the price for pork continue unprofitable to the grower, it may be found necessary to establish a co-operative warehouse there, where the hogs of the State may be packed and sold in the cured state and the proceeds divided pro rata to hogs furnished.

### MIDDLE MEN.

This movement is meeting with the strenuous opposition of middle men, as it will leave them, like Oothdo, without an occupation. In the hive-hive there are three kinds of bees—the queen, the drones and the workers. The queen lays all the eggs, the workers make the honey, and the drones do nothing but eat. After the swarming period is over the workers commence driving the drones from the hive and clip their wings until the hive is free of drones. The hive is an illustration of society—the cell is queen, the farmers are the workers, and the middle-men are the drones, who do but little and yet sip the honey. The period has come now that the farmers propose to eat some of the honey they have so untiringly labored to make, and to do this they must go round some of the middle-men and purchase directly from the manufacturers, as the middle men have been making more than their proportion of profits—eating more than their share of honey. There have been too many drones or non-producers in the hive of life, and the workers—farmers—now want to enjoy their proportion of the sweets of their labors.

The farmer may drive his beef to market that has required his daily attention for two years and the butcher who buys a witty Cincinnati lady, writing from Washington, says: "Beastly dress, I've up several, seen your eyelid develop through her eyelids, and easily asks: "What do you know?" New York displays her silks and diamonds, and perily asks: "What are you worth?" Philadelphia, with pins and pursed-up lips, asks: "Who was your grandmother?" While Washington stops between the wits and the german to inquire: "Can you dance?"

### PADDY'S VERSION OF "EX-CELSIOR."

Was growing dark so terrible fast,  
While through a town up the mountain there  
passed  
A brook of fire, to his neck in the snow;  
As he walked his shillibah he swing to and  
foe,  
Saying, it's till the top I bound for to go,  
Be jakes!

He looked mortal sad, and his eyes were as  
bright  
As a fire of turf on a cold winter night,  
And a devil of a word that he said could ye  
tell  
As he opened his mouth and let out a yell,  
It's up to the top of the mountain I'll go,  
Once covered with this boldersome snow;

Be jakes!  
Through the window he saw, as he traveled  
along,  
The light of the candle and fires so warm,  
But a big chunk of ice fell over his head;  
With a sniv and groan, by St. Patrick, he  
said,  
It's up till the very top I will go,  
And then if it fails it's out itself it'll crash  
Be jakes!

Whilst a bit, oldish old man whose head was  
as white  
As the snow that fell down on that miserable  
night,  
Shun' ye'll fall in the water me by of a leg,  
For the night is so dark and the wallet so  
bad,  
Be jakes! he'd not light to a word that was said  
But he'd go till the top, if he wint on his  
head,  
Be jakes!

A bright, burly young girl, such as like to  
be kissed,  
Asked him wadn't he stop, and how could he  
rest?  
So snapping his fingers and winking his eye  
He be smil'd upon her, he made his re-  
ply—

Faith I meant to kape on till I got to the top,  
But as you sen't self has met me, I may as  
well stop.  
Be jakes!

He stopped all night and he shopped all day  
And ye'men be as sun when he did go away  
For wouldn't he be a bony bison  
To be livin' the darlin in the estate honey  
moon?

While the old man has parades enough and to  
spare,  
Shure be might as well star if he's com-  
forables there,  
Be jakes!

"OLD KENTUCKY forever!" Such is the  
jubilant shout of a Wisconsin Democrat  
in journal, of the Jeffersonian stripe, on  
reading Governor Leslie's last message.  
The editor then proceeded to say: "We  
always thought something was going to  
happen in good old Kentucky some  
of these days that would astonish folks; and  
correctly enough, it has." Governor Les-  
lie announces, in his late message, that  
the State is wholly out of debt, with a  
surplus of a quarter of a million dollars  
in the treasury! Coming, as this an-  
nouncement does, at a time when half a  
dozen States are totally bankrupt, when  
the United States Treasury is dangerous-  
ly near that point, with a public debt  
increasing at the rate of ten millions of  
dollars a month, it is astonishing and  
gratifying in the extreme. All honor to  
glorious old Kentucky. She was the  
only Southern State that wholly escaped  
the clutches of carpet-baggers and no-  
gives. May her brave people live long  
to enjoy the healthful administration of  
honest Democrats.

DEPARTMENT OF TARIFF.

The Patrons of Husbandry are in favor  
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for protection, and they demand that  
iron, lumber and soft be placed on the free  
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Determined to make one united effort  
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